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FOR EA/K - MR. HURWITZ

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PURCHASE OF F-4 AIRCRAFT BY ROK

1. WE HAVE JUST HAD A REPORT FROM UNC TO THE EFFECT THAT STATE IS HOLDING UP APPROVAL FOR ROK PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL F-4 AIRCRAFT. THESE PLANS ARE REQUIRED FOR ATTRITION PURPOSES AND ARE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO THE VIABILITY OF THE ROK AIR FORCE F-4 FIGHTER FORCE. THE ROK HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT NO ADDITIONAL F-4S WILL BECOME AVAILABLE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE FROM EXISTING INVENTORIES AND THAT F-16S WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS BEYOND THE TIME THE ROK HAD HOPED FOR.

2. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, THE APPROVAL OF THESE ATTRITION F-4S IS EXTREMELY URGENT, SINCE THE CONTRACT HAS TO BE SIGNED BY MAY ONE IN ORDER TO AVOID A BREAK IN THE PRODUCTION LINE. ANY DELAY BEYOND THAT DATE WOULD RESULT IN PROHIBITIVE COST INCREASES AND DELAY UNAVAILABILITY. BECAUSE OF THIS TIME CONSTRAINT, MND INITIATED, AND STAFFED ON AN URGENT ACCELERATED BASIS, A PROGRAM CHANGE WHICH WAS EXPEDITIOUSLY REVIEWED AND APPROVED

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BY PRESIDENT PARK. CONSIDERABLE HIGH-LEVEL ROK ATTENTION HAS BEEN DEVOTED TO THE QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL F-4 PURCHASES.

3. IF THE ISSUE RESTS IN THE DEPARTMENT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EXPEDITIOUS REVIEW, KEEPING IN MIND THAT NO DECISION BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT UNTIL AFTER MAY ONE

IS, IN FACT, A DECISION, WHICH WILL NOT BE RECEIVED WELL
HERE. THE ROK ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO A FAVORABLE
RESPONSE TO THEIR PURCHASE REQUEST AND WE WOULD HOPE
THEREFORE THAT THE LOA OR "LETTER OF INTENT", AS
APPROPRIATE, BE PROCESSED IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO MAKE
THE NECESSARY CONTRACTURAL ARRANGEMENTS BY MAY ONE.
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